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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification on page 4, line 7, to read:

Referring next to Figure 2, not only may a tightly or loosely coupled connection be implemented between the source 12a and the sink 14a, but moreover, a given source 12a may provide power to a plurality of sinks. Thus, in the example shown in Figure 2, the source 12a may be an AC adapter and the sink 14 may be a mobile computer system 14a. A link 16c with plugs 24 and sockets 22 provides connections between the sink 14a and the source 12a. Particularly, a plug 24a plugs into a socket 22a on the sink 14a and a plug 24b plugs into a socket 22b on the source 12a. The source 12a is coupled to a source of AC power indicated at 18.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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